



**NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION (NEFRTC)  
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - 1:30 PM  
NFTPO Board Room  
980 North Jefferson Street  
Jacksonville FL 32209

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Doug Conkey, Clay County, **Chairman**  
Commissioner James Bennett, Baker County, **Vice Chairman**  
Commissioner Lindsey Brock, Duval County, **Secretary**  
Commissioner Bill Bishop, Duval County  
Commissioner Ennis Davis, Duval County  
Commissioner Jimmy Johns, St. Johns County  
Commissioner Danny Leeper, Nassau County  
Jim Knight, FDOT, Board Advisor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Chip Laibl, Putnam County, **Treasurer**  
Commissioner Sam Newby, Duval County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alan Mosley, RTC  
Geanelly Reveron, JTA  
Stephanie Zarkis, City of Jacksonville  
Brad Thoburn, JTA  
Phong Nguyen, St. Johns County  
Brian Teeple, NEFRC  
Cheryl Freeman, RS&H  
Doreen Joyner Howard, FDOT  
Carolyn Morgan, Clay County

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jennifer Lott, North Florida TPO Staff

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Doug Conkey called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. Introductions were made around the room. Chairman Conkey informed the group that he is now the Executive Director for the YMCA in Clay and Baker Counties.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

**▶ 3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 23, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY**

Chairman Conkey asked for review and approval of the August meeting's summary.

**James Bennett made a motion to approve the August 23, 2017 meeting's summary; seconded by Bill Bishop; motion carried unanimously.**

**▶ 4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017**

In the absence of the treasurer, Alan Mosley presented the Treasurer's Report for August.

**Lindsey Brock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by James Bennett; motion carried unanimously.**

**▶ 5. RTCC UPDATE**

Alan Mosley updated the group on the following items.

- A) APTA Coalition Grant Application Update – This item was approved by the Board at the last meeting. We anticipate hearing something by the end of September.
- B) Regional Fare Study Update – This is scheduled to be brought before the RTCC and RTC in October.
- C) Regional Mutual Assistance during Disaster Preparedness and Recovery – This item will be refined by the RTCC and brought before the RTC sometime within the near future.
- James Bennett asked Brad Thoburn if JTA saw any increase or change in ridership during and after the storm.

Mr. Thoburn replied that there was not really a change in service. Ridership was light before and after the storm, as people evacuated the area and school was out.

- Chairman Conkey asked the RTCC to collect ridership data for before and after the storm to include:
  - what type of trip was requested
  - how the systems worked together on a regional basis to get people where they needed to go
  - how to get people to resources in times of need
- James Bennett wanted to know if any of the counties had to request another county to provide support, services or to share vehicles.

Doreen Joyner Howard replied that she gathered reports from all the transit agencies before and after the storm. Nassau County shared their vehicles with the Emergency Operations Center.

Tallahassee has a contingency for the Community Transportation Coordinators to use those resources before and after the storm if they need to.

Alan Moseley informed the group that the RTCC plans on presenting “Lessons Learned” on regional coordination before and after the storm to the RTC next month.

► **6. RTC DRAFT 2018 BUDGET**

A) Innovate 2.0 Participation – Brian Teeple, Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, briefed the Board on what Innovate 1.0 and 2.0 is about.

- James Bennett wanted to know what phases other than infrastructure are included in Innovate 2.0.

Brian Teeple responded that implementation includes an Infrastructure Committee, Marketing Committee and a Workforce Development Committee.

- Bill Bishop wanted to know what it would entail if the RTC commits to participate in Innovate 2.0.

Brian Teeple responded that you are buying into an overall economic development strategy with several components. For example, each county will get their own strategy and focus.

- Lindsey Brock wanted to know if the RTC could leverage the relationship with Innovate 2.0 to achieve our transit plan.

- Bill Bishop commented that he has a concern of what is the concrete end result of this study. Mr. Bishop wanted to know what the RTC's goal is for participating in Innovate 2.0 and what will our role be in the process.

Mr. Moseley responded that the RTC will share the lead role in the implementation of the infrastructure piece.

- Doug Conkey wanted to know if any member of the RTC could participate in the transportation piece of Innovate 2.0.

Brian Teeple responded that of course any member could participate, and he will share the scope of work with Mr. Moseley before it is advertised.

**Lindsey Brock made a motion for the RTC to actively participate in Innovate 2.0 at the \$25,000 level; seconded by James Bennett; motion carried unanimously.**

- B) Resolution 2017-1: Budget Adoption – Alan Moseley gave a brief synopsis of the draft 2018 budget. Mr. Moseley informed the Board that he increased the dollars in “Professional Services” and “Travel.”

**Bill Bishop made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-1 adopting the RTC 2018 Budget as presented; seconded by James Bennett; motion carried unanimously.**

**James Bennett made a motion to amend the last sentence in Resolution 2017-1 to reflect the correct date as follows:**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017**

**Seconded by Bill Bishop; motion carried unanimously.**

## **► 7. RTC STATUS**

- A) Direction from the Florida Senate Staff Director regarding Section 343.013 - Mr. Moseley informed the Board that Teddi Pitts, former Senate Staff Director, does not see the need for us to go back to the Florida Legislature this year.
- Bill Bishop responded that he does not feel comfortable not getting a legal opinion on whether we need to go back before the Florida Legislature or not regarding the sunset of the RTC. We need a legally defined method to assure that we have complied with what is outlined in the statute.
  - James Bennett commented that he agrees that we need an answer on whether or not we need to take legislative action.

- Alan Moseley informed the Board that he will ask the FTC's legal counsel for an opinion on the RTC's status.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. Moseley informed the Board that he will send out the 2018 meeting schedule, which will keep the meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- Mr. Moseley will also present to the Board next month an outline of the Nashville model.
- Mr. Moseley thanked Ennis Davis for his continued positive press coverage of the RTC.
- Chairman Conkey requested an update on the FTC at the next meeting.
- James Bennett requested that for the next meeting Mr. Moseley provide the Board with a document that provides a more defined role of what we are going to be doing over the next year.

### **▶ 8. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **▶ 9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

### **▶ 10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Doug Conkey, Chairman

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Lindsey Brock, Secretary